



# DOC NewsLine

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## “Miracles Do Happens”

### Helping Hands

Excerpt from the Advocate

Looking for help, support and answers, caregiver of children whose mothers are in prison attended a day-long conference at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW).

The League of Women Voters of Baton Rouge took the lead putting together the pilot project designed to give children of inmates at LCIW and their caregiver's support and resources.

Jean Armstrong, president of the League of Women Voters went to Warden Jones and stated, "Your inmates are causing hardships on their parents. What are we going to do about it?"

Warden Jones responded by asking staff to help organize and prepare for the conference.

Todd Hamilton, director of adult services with Catholic Community Services, said the two main reasons retirees ask for help finding employment are the cost of prescription drugs and the expense of raising grandchildren. "It become a bigger social issue than it ever was before," Hamilton said.

One reason grandparent and other relatives end up caring for children are that their mothers are in prison. Hamilton stated the 960 women incarcerated at LCIW account for 2,400 children who are being cared for by other family members such as grandparent.

### Bishop Visit

Excerpt from EHCC News

Bishop Robert Muench of the Diocese of Baton Rouge visited Elayn Hunt Corrections Center (EHCC) for the first time ever. He made rounds through the Infirmary, HSU/C, HSU/D and Fox 1 C- Section (medical inmates) before making his way to the chapel to hold a confirmation mass for the general population inmates, IMPACT trainees, and staff members. Nine inmates/trainees received the sacrament of confirmation during the celebratory mass.

After mass, selected inmates/trainees met with Bishop Muench at a reception whereby Bishop Muench mingled and talked with them.

On a more spiritual note, one terminally ill inmate in the Infirmary that was expected to pass away several weeks before the visit died less than an hour after Bishop Muench met and prayed with him.

### 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

The Louisiana Department of Correction's Credit Union held its 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in January at Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW). The meeting reflected the growth the credit union has seen over the past year.

## Employee's Recognition

**E**layn Hunt Correctional Center (EHCC), Forcht Wade Correctional Center (FCC), J. Levy Dabadie Correctional Center (DCC), and Washington Correctional Center (WCI) recognized the following employees for Monthly Awards:

### EHCC

Sarosa Clark – Support  
Swaanjte Hoffman – Support  
Captain Joseph Deggs – Supervisor  
Lieutenant Isiah George – Supervisor  
Master Sergeant Lawrence Sampson – Security Officer  
Master Sergeant James Willis – Security Officer

### FCC

Sergeant Alton Hale – Security Officer

### DCC

Master Sergeant John Packett – Security Officer  
Master Sergeant Wilmer Blue – Security Officer

### WCI

Master Sergeant Dorothy Martin – Security Officer

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**T**his year the McMains Children's Developmental Center is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! It is amazing to look back on how much has changed since the first treatment center opened its doors in a rented building on 19<sup>th</sup> Street in 1954. Paula Egel came from her position with Children's Hospital in Buffalo, New York to start the program. An orthopedic surgeon, a pediatrician and a neurologist who volunteered their time formed the original staff.

The parents and the local postmaster general arranged a "walk for cerebral palsy" that raised enough money to hire a physical therapist, a

speech therapist, a social worker, a secretary and a part-time psychologist.

Today, with 20 staff members, they are able to provide 13,000 therapy sessions to 165 children in a single year.

## Red Nose Day

**T**he McMains Children's Development Center will be hosting their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Red Nose Day on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

This year we need **YOU!**

## Top Score

**T**he Capital Area United Way has the highest performance score of any United Way chapter nationwide on evaluations from a charity watch-dog group.

Charity Navigator, a nonprofit watch-group, offer the rating of financial and performance practices based on tax returns that charities file with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Baton Rouge-based Capital Area United Way received a score of 66.41 – the second year the agency's mark was high enough to earn it a four-star rating, the highest possible.

That put the agency in second place among 14 four-star rated United Ways in the country.

## Managers...

Administrate.....	Innovate
Maintain.....	Develop
Focus on structure.....	Focus on people
Ask how and when.....	Ask what and why
Accept the status quo.....	Challenge the status quo
Keep an eye on the bottom.....	Keep an eye on the horizon
Do things right.....	Do the right things

## Leaders...

## LaCHIP

## It Pays To Be An ACA Member

## Take Note

The American Correctional Association (ACA) is the national leader in excellence in corrections. Join ACA today and enjoy the savings and benefits that come with membership for 35.00!

✓ Online Corrections Academy (OCA) - OAC provides the most current correctional education and training nationally.

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✓ Corrections Today Magazine and On the Line newsletter - Keeps you informed with the latest news and trends affecting the corrections field.

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✓ Award-Winning Directories - Receive these resources depending on your membership type.

✓ Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Group Savings Plan - Provides low group rates for auto and home insurance.

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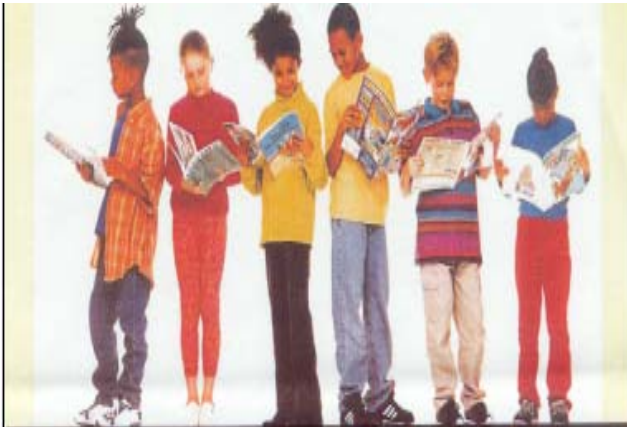
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Working families may qualify for full health coverage at no cost through LaCHIP if...

- Your children are under the age of 19
- Your children are uninsured
- Your family income is below the figures in the chart below:

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Number in family (include just parents and children)	Income Amounts Through 3/31/2003	
	Monthly Income	Yearly Income
2	\$1,990	\$23,880
3	\$2,504	\$30,048
4	\$3,017	\$36,204
5	\$3,530	\$42,360
6	\$4,044	\$48,528
7	\$4,557	\$54,684
8	\$5,070	\$60,840
More than 8	For each extra person, add \$514 to the monthly amount for 8 people	

In some cases, your family may be eligible for LaCHIP even if your income is a little higher than this level - it's worth it to apply even if you are close!

**LaCHIP**  
Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program

Call toll free for an application or assistance  
**1-877-252-2447**  
(2 La CHIP)

\*After 12 months, LaCHIP needs to update your info. A 1 page form will be mailed to you that must be returned. Didn't get it? Call 1-877-252-2447 and ask for a "re-certification" form.

## Don't Forget

Corrections Officers Week May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.